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1. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADDITIONAL SECRETARY SHAHNAWAZ TRAVELLED FROM PAKISTAN TO NEW DELHI APRIL 4 CARRYING WITH HIM A LETTER FROM PAK PM BHUTTO TO INDIAN PM MORARJI DESAI. ACCORDING TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS OF PAKISTAN (APP) STORY, OBVIOUSLY BASED ON AN MFA BRIEFING, BHUTTO IS UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE EXTENDED HIS FELICITATIONS TO THE NEW INDIAN GOVERNMENT AND TO HAVE EXPRESSED A HOPE FOR CONTINUANCE OF THE PROCESS OF NORMALIZATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. THE APP ACCOUNT QUOTES INFORMED SOURCES AS SAYING THAT THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE SHAHNAWAZ VISIT WAS TO EXPLAIN THE BHUTTO THIRD WORLD ECONOMIC SUMMIT PROPOSAL. THE STORY NOTED THAT THE VISIT COINCIDES WITH A MEETING OF THE COORDINATION BUREAU OF THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN NEW DELHI.

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2. THIS MORNING'S PAPERS ALSO CARRIED NEW DELHI DATED LINED ARTICLES REPORTING INDIAN FOMIN VAJPAYEE'S RAYYA SABHA SPEECH, INCLUDING HIS REFERENCE TO US ARMS SALES TO PAKISTAN. (REF A). SOME ACCOUNTS MENTIONED THAT VAJPAYEE HAD SAID THAT INDIA WAS PREPARED TO HAVE A NO-WAR PACT WITH PAKISTAN AND HAD CONGRATULATED AZIZ AHMED ON HIS PROMOTION TO FOREIGN MINISTER. BOTH THESE POINTS WERE SOURCED TO ALL INDIA RADIO.

(PAK NEWSPAPERS AND WIRE SERVICES TUNE IN TO AIR AND QUOTE IT REGULARLY.) AIR WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT IN HIS MESSAGE TO AHMED, VAJPAYEE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT "RELATIONS BETWEEN INDIA AND PAKISTAN WILL BE FURTHER STRENGTHENED ON THE BASIS OF USEFUL COOPERATION AND GOOD NEIGHBORLINESS."

3. COMMENT: AS REPORTED IN REFTEL B, THE PAKS HAVE BEEN APPREHENSIVE ABOUT THE ATTITUDE OF THE NEW INDIAN GOVERNMENT TOWARD THEM. THEIR CONCERN HAS FOCUSED ON THE APPOINTMENT OF VAJPAYEE, CONSIDERED A HARDLINER ON INDO-PAK MATTERS. THIS CONCERN MAY HAVE BEEN LESSENED SOMEWHAT BY VAJPAYEE'S RECENT HELPFUL STATEMENTS (NEW DELHI 4592); HIS MESSAGE TO AZIZ AHMED WILL ALSO BE WELL RECEIVED. (VAJPAYEE'S REITERATION OF THE GOI'S LONG-STANDING OFFER OF A NO-WAR PACT IS UNLIKELY TO CUT ANY ICE HERE, HOWEVER. THE GOP POSITION CONTINUES TO BE THAT SUCH A PACT IS UNACCEPTABLE PENDING A KASHMIR SETTLEMENT BASED ON KASHMIRI SELF-DETERMINATION.)

4. IN SENDING SHAHNAWAZ TO DELHI, THE GOP HAS GIVEN THE INDIANS THE OPPORTUNITY TO FURTHER THIS "REASSURANCE PROCESS" AND IS MAKING A PAK CONTRIBUTION TO IT. SHAHNAWAZ'S MISSION ALSO PROVIDES THE FIRST OCCASION FOR A SENIOR PAK DIPLOMAT TO SIZE UP THE NEW SITUATION AT THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND ELSEWHERE IN THE NEW GOI. CONFIRMING THE APP ACCOUNT, AN MFA SOURCE TOLD US THIS MORNING THAT THE MORE IMPORTANT PURPOSE OF THE SHAHNAWAZ TRIP, HOWEVER, IS TO CANVASS THE NON-ALIGNED FOREIGN MINISTERS NOW GATHERING IN NEW DELHI IN FAVOR OF THE BHUTTO SUMMIT PROPOSAL (AND CONFIDENTIAL

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PRESUMABLY TO COUNTER TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE THE GOI STAND AGAINST IT, IF THIS IS INDEED THE POSITION OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT IN DELHI.) AFTER AN ELECTION PAUSE, PAK DIPLOMACY HAS AGAIN BEGUN WHOOPING UP THE SUMMIT, AND SENIOR MFA REPS ARE ON THE ROAD IN SUCH PLACES AS YUGOSLAVIA, NIGERIA, SRI LANKA, AND INDONESIA. CAMBODIA, WHOSE DEPUTY PREMIER IENG SARY VISITED PAKISTAN LAST WEEK (SEE SEPTELS), IS THE LATEST COUNTRY TO CLIMB ON THE RATHER SLOW-MOVING BHUTTO BANDWAGON.  
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